

5 May 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: CPL

SUBJECT: Psychological Strategy Board established by  
Presidential Directive of 4 April 1951

1. In response to your oral request of yesterday, I would recommend that two major arguments be made to insure that the jurisdiction of the above Board encompass both psychological warfare and covert operations:

a. These two categories tend to mesh, particularly in the psychological field, where I believe it has been our experience that it is often difficult to distinguish between black and white propaganda; therefore, since these grey areas exist, the overall policy and programming for PW and covert operations should be concentrated in one place.

b. These two categories also interact and supplement each other and if coordinated properly, their total affect is much more than the sum of each specific operation; therefore, to achieve maximum results, they should be coordinated at one source.

2. As to organization of the Board, I would recommend that Adm. Stevens be nominated as the JCS representative who sits with the Board as its principal military advisor. I believe the staff under the Director of the Board should be small and carefully selected, and that CIA should furnish at least one qualified individual for psychological warfare matters and one for paramilitary matters. By keeping the staff small, much of the planning will be delegated to the agencies and departments ultimately responsible for implementation, and in this way, CIA strategic and war planners, and specifically the OPC Plans Division, will have an opportunity to formulate basic plans and policies for transmittal to the Board.

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